

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

The applicants elect the subject matter of the Examiner's Group I for further prosecution. Claims 3 and 7-15 have been canceled, without prejudice, to advance prosecution. Claims 16-33 have been added to specifically disclosed embodiments. No new matter has been added.

The pending claims read on the elected subject matter.

The applicants elect, with traverse, the following species, to the extent the Examiner's requirement for an election of species is understood, for the purposes of initial search. Clarification is requested in the event anything further is required in this regard. The elections are made with traverse as the Examiner is not believed to have established the separate patentability or lack of unity between the alleged separately patentable species.

The claims no longer recite the details of unamended claim 1, ¶(c) such that election of a species within the Examiner's §A.(i.) is not believed to be required for the purposes of initial search.

The applicants elect, with traverse, the subject matter of the Examiner's §A.(ii.)2.

The claims no longer recite the details of unamended claim 1, ¶(f) and ¶(g) such that election of a species within the Examiner's §A.(iii.) is not believed to be required for the purposes of initial search.

The claims no longer recite the details of unamended claim 3 such that election of a species within the Examiner's §A.(iv.) is not believed to be required for the purposes of initial search.

The Examiner's requirement for an election of the Examiner's §A.(v.) is not understood as the claims are not believed to require the inclusion or exclusion of an additive oil. Clarification is requested in the event anything further is required in this regard.

The applicants elect, with traverse, the subject matter of the Examiner's §A.(vi.)1.

The applicants elect, with traverse, the subject matter of the Examiner's §A.(vii.)1.a.

The claims no longer recite the details of unamended claim 11, which is drawn to non-elected subject matter, such that election of a species within the Examiner's §B. is not believed to be required for the purposes of initial search.

Withdrawal of the election of species requirements and examination of the full breadth of the claims are requested.

The present Amendment is believed to be a *bona fide* response to the Office Action of February 22, 2007. The Examiner is requested to advise the undersigned in the event anything further is required in response to the Office Action of February 22, 2007.

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